

PATENT**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED
PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1774****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No.: 10/815,460 Confirmation No.: 6395
 Applicant(s): Jeffrey S. Dugan
 Filed: April 1, 2004
 Art Unit: 1774
 Examiner: Edwards, Newton O.
 Title: FIBERS FORMED OF A BIODEGRADABLE POLYMER AND HAVING A LOW FRICTION SURFACE

Docket No.: 038675/276255
 Customer No.: 00826

Mail Stop AF
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT
APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES (37 C.F.R. § 43.31)**

Applicant in the above-identified patent application hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated July 29, 2005, rejecting the following Claims 1, 7-10, 12, 13, 20-26, and 28.

The fee for this Notice of Appeal under 37 CFR § 41.20(b)(1) is enclosed.

- Applicant claims small entity Status.**
- A check is enclosed.**
(~~\$500.00 for large entity fee or \$250.00 if small entity status~~)
- Please charge \$250.00 to Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the Notice of Appeal Filing Fee.**
- Any additional fee or refund may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 16-0605.**
- A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher M. Humphrey
 Registration No. 43,683

11/30/2005 HGUTEMA1 00000020 160605 10815460

01 FC:2401 250.00 DA